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Subject: FW: REDWOOD HWY---FAIRGROUNDS---GRANTS PASS
[For your files---first response from the comment period.](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: BETTY MARTIN [mailto:betty97526@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2007 3:50 AM
To: MARMON Jerry
Subject: REDWOOD HWY---FAIRGROUNDS---GRANTS PASS

GOOD MORNING: I have attended a large number of city council meetings on doing away with the lights at the fairgrounds, before the new hospital was built, a number of years back.

The same things are at issue now as were then, this WHOLE intersection needs to stay in place, just for the hospital if nothing else, there is a "golden hour" in place when a ambulance needs be at the ER, by messing with this intersection lives could be lost, by going the "long" way around, & just because you use the fairgrounds you should not be penalized by going out of your way, a lot of the traffic to & from the Fairgrounds is out of town & area, & if its not easy in & out they will not use it.

I really wonder WHY this simple idea could not be used used to fix all of the major issues in this area.....

- 1. Between E st I-5 exit.....thru where Redwood Ave crossed Redwood hwy.....safety corridor.....speed 35 at the most ...ALL the way ...Past Demoray Dr.*
- 2. Much longer left hand turn lanes, off Redwood Hwy it backs up traffic in all other lanes when just 3-4 cars are wanting to turn, the space is already there.*
- 3. Speed limit signs should be placed on the asphalt, that area is cluttered with signs & NO ONE pays any attention to most of the signs.*
- 4. BAD idea to make 6 lanes from Williams Hwy to Allen Creek Rd, or any other place on the route.....must remember the funnel shape.. do you really think people will merge & reduce in a NICE manner, ...NOT..*
- 5. I think you are not being honest with the tax payers of Jo. Co., when your true intent of this design is not fully disclosed.*
- 6. TIME the lights to better help the flow of traffic, I can not believe how little time is for each lane.*

Thanks

Bety Martin

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1 TREY MITCHELL

1580 S.E. Portola Drive

2 Grants Pass, OR

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4 TREY MITCHELL: I just think that they should
5 pick Alternative C because it's the best for us. And if
6 they don't, they should like build a bridge over the track,
7 or just try to think of the best way for our track. And
8 like if I didn't start racing, I wouldn't have met my best
9 friend, Band I wouldn't, I wouldn't have done a lot of stuff
10 that I've done like traveled a lot and stuff. I travel with
11 my mom, and we go a lot of places. Like this year we went
12 to Canada once. That's about it.

13 (End of statement.)

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Highway 199
Expressway Upgrade

Oregon Department of Transportation

Comment Form 108

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Name: Megan Newton

Mailing Address: 923 SW Oak St

Street Address (if different): _____

City and Zip code: Grants Pass, OR 97526

Telephone: 226-6070 e-mail: troyleesmom@hotmail.com

None of the alternatives give the option of not going through River City BMX. To not have the track here for our kids is not o.k. There are few places to go for our children to have fun & ride. What kind of message are we sending to them. Are they not important enough to have the track? Please save our track. For the sake of our children.

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1 TROY NEWTON

MEGAN NEWTON

2 923 S.W. Oak Street

Grants Pass, OR

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4 TROY NEWTON: Troy Newton. Build around our
5 BMX track because we like to race.

6 MEGAN NEWTON: Please build our, our BMX
7 track. It's an asset to our community and the kids really
8 enjoy going there. I think it would be a great loss for us
9 not to have it.

10 (End of statement.)

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Name: Southern Oregon Sunrooms/Laura Norton
Mailing Address: 690 Union Ave Grants Pass OR 97527
Street Address (if different): _____
City and Zip code: _____
Telephone: 474-7335/761-1630 e-mail: _____

I favor the cities plan for
signal to Remain on Hwy 199
For working group alternative

Removal of signal would cause too
many traffic hazards -

My business would will sustain
financial hardships

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Name: Outback Septic / Joel Perkins

Mailing Address: 690 Union Ave

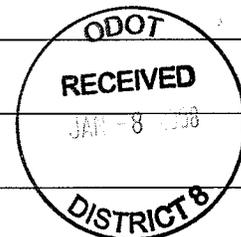
Street Address (if different): _____

City and Zip code: Grants Pass OR 97527

Telephone: 761-1630 e-mail: _____

I favor the plan to leave the
signal alone at Hwy 199 & Union Ave
for working group alternative

This intersection is way too busy
not to have the signal in place.
it would be dangerous to remove it



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ALEX ROBERTSON
2960 Mistybrook Dr.
Grants Pass, Oregon

ALEX ROBERTSON: All right. First of all, I think Alternative C would be the best one because how it affects us; and it's just, it hurts a lot of us if that track goes away because that's like the only thing I do. And I know it's the only thing that a lot of other people do. And then we have to drive to Medford on week nights and weekends just to race, and that's hard for some people.

JOHNNY GROVER: That's a lot of money for gas with the prices that are out right now.

ALEX ROBERTSON: It's a lot of money to go from Grants Pass; if they took that one away, a lot of people would have to quit.

(End of statement.)

1 RYAN ROBERTSON

2960 Mistybrook Dr.

Grants Pass, Oregon

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4 RYAN ROBERTSON: I wanted to say that I like
5 Alternative C because then we get to keep our race
6 track if that one wins. And, uhm, because then, one,
7 if we would have to drive all the way to Medford, and
8 we have certain registration times and some people's
9 parents only get off at that time of day; and they've
10 got to get home, get the kid, get all the gear and
11 clothes and stuff, drive to Medford. The kid has got
12 to put the gear on, get on his bike, take a few
13 practice lessons. They have to do that before
14 registration. And for a lot of people, if that
15 happens, because like we live like on this side of
16 town, my dad gets off at 4:00 o'clock. The
17 registration closes at like 5:00, so --

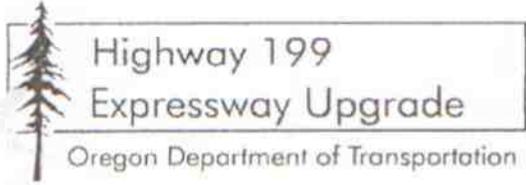
18 And then there is the jackets. And the jackets
19 are like if you get in the top ten people for the
20 track, like the top ten in points, then you get this
21 jacket. And we've got this big banquet and stuff; and
22 if you race, you don't have to pay to get in, and that
23 kind of thing. And you can win stuff. And people
24 think that, I think that that's really fun.

25 And with the track, and like when the fair

1 happens, we don't get to race; but that's like two
2 races; actually it's a practice night and a race night.
3 And, well, football season is over and racing season is
4 over, so right now I'm bored. So if they took out the
5 track with the other ones, because one goes right
6 through all three of the streets and -- all four of the
7 streets, and one just runs right down the center of the
8 track.

9 And so, and then C just runs through the parking
10 lot. So we could move the gate in and then people
11 could park in there, and there's a street. And then
12 there's a big dirt parking lot next to the Fairgrounds
13 that we could use. So I think that would be the best
14 one to use, would be C.

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16 (End of statement.)
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Mailing Address: 219 NW "E" St.

Street Address (if different): _____

City and Zip code: Grants Pass, OR 97526

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Please see attached document: ACCESS-EA/SEA Comments - Highway 199 Project"

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ACCESS-EA/SEA COMMENTS

Highway 199 Project

The Community-based group known as ACCESS (Association of Concerned Citizens Endorsing Sensible (Traffic) Solutions) is comprised of more than twenty-five businesses potentially affected by the Proposed 199 Project. ACCESS is also supported by numerous other individuals and businesses who endorse a Community-oriented approach to the Project. Members of ACCESS actively participated in the City of Grants Pass Working Group Committee and strongly supported the resulting Working Group Alternative now being evaluated in the EA/SEA. ACCESS has reviewed the formal response submitted by the City of Grants Pass and concurs entirely with its content. In addition, ACCESS would like to emphasize the following:

1. Although the City response at Section 4 addresses "Episodic Peaks" during major events at the Fairgrounds, we believe the EA/SEA should address the existing signal at Fairgrounds Road in more detail. Page 2-13 of the SEA states emphatically that "the existing signal at ... Highway 199 and Fairgrounds Road would be removed" as part of the WG Alternative. This is not entirely accurate. The WG Alternative provides for removal of that signal only when an alternative Fairgrounds Access Plan is adopted by the County. The "new access road" connecting with Pansey Lane as described at 2-11, 12 is only one aspect of that yet undeveloped over-all circulation plan for the Fairgrounds. It should be made clear that the existing signal will remain until that new plan is adopted. The EA/SEA should also include an analysis of how existing traffic from Union Avenue to Fairgrounds Road to Westbound 199 is to

be routed if the existing signal is permanently removed; (i.e., impact of these "out of direction" movements upon already over-burdened Ringuette Street).

2. Section 2 of the City response addresses "Interchangeability of Design Elements". We believe this should be further emphasized and clarified. The SEA could be interpreted to require a distinct choice among the three alternatives. It would be in the best interest of the Community and the Project if each alternative were viewed as a separable bundle of design elements, all of which are potentially interchangeable with elements from other alternatives. This would allow for the preferred alternative to achieve maximum flexibility, desirability and community compatibility, by blending the best of all the available design elements. ODOT has already set somewhat of a precedent in this regard by "refining the design of the (WG) alternative to optimize traffic operational performance and ensuring the WG Alternative would meet the project's purpose and need". (SEA 2-3)

3. The "expressway" designation for this highway segment was adopted in the year 2000. Since then there has been a significant change in the character of the area. The EA/SEA (and Alternatives A and C) do not adequately consider that this segment of Highway 199 functions primarily as an integral part of the City's local traffic circulation system (i.e., 80% ± local users). This fact mitigates in favor of selecting plan components which facilitate local use and minimize access restrictions, property acquisitions and business displacements.

January 7, 2008
Date


ACCESS
By: Duane Wm. Schultz, Attorney, P.C.

1 SAM SERRAGE

618 S.W. Larch

2 Grants Pass, OR

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4 SAM SERRAGE: My biggest concern right now is
5 that we make a point to save the BMX track. We feel like
6 we're just up in the air with what's going on. We want to
7 see an alternative chosen so we can start planning for the
8 future, whatever that may be.

9 Currently, the way I see it, Alternative C would
10 have the least impact on our BMX track where we have many
11 kids that participate out there.

12 With the plan we'd like to see the road on Pansy
13 Lane on the back side moved so we can have more access to
14 provide a track that would work for the children.

15 After that, the Working Group Alternative with
16 some changes in the access to the BMX or access into the
17 fairgrounds would also provide an alternative that would
18 save the track.

19 But the No. 1 thing, I'd like to see the county
20 make it a priority to provide a clean place for the kids to
21 continue to participate in this activity. We have a skate
22 park that's closed right now. And part of the problem with
23 that is there's no adult participation out there with the
24 kids.

25 The BMX adults are out there all the time working

1 with the kids. It's a great place for them. It's a family
2 place. And it needs to be saved. And that's our biggest
3 concern.

4 The last time we were here in February, BMX was
5 here in full support. At this time it doesn't look like we
6 were heard. And that bothers us because it's for the kids.
7 I truthfully don't believe we are looking at the three
8 alternatives. The Working Group they came up with doesn't
9 show the track as a part that is legal at this time. And I
10 think they can change the access into the fairground coming
11 off Redwood Avenue, that would save the track as it exists.

12 So I just want to say that save the track for this
13 community and safe for the kids. I just want to see if they
14 can look at some alternatives for better access, at least
15 impact on this safe place out there for the kids. That's
16 it.

17 (End of statement.)

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